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## OUR NEW VOLUME.

This issue begins the fifth volume of our paper and while our subscription list has shown a steady growth, we want more readers. The News has not, nor ever will be forced on any one. We desire the good of the Valley and have no friends to praise unduly.

We believe there are better times in store for this section and it will be brought about mainly by the enterprise of its own people. People are beginning to learn that to have, they must work, and consequently they work to live. Therefore we ask all, knowing we work hard to get out a good paper to remember that as such it must be encouraged and sustained.

## TO CONNECT THE VALLEY WITH CHATTANOOGA.

The benefit of a good wagon road from this Valley to Chattanooga cannot be over estimated, and next to a straight railroad line to that city, the greatest blessing that could fall on the people of the Valley. Although Chattanooga is only 25 miles distant, some 45 miles have to be travelled to reach it, and the transportation of the products of the Valley is the same. A good road would be very popular.

That Chattanooga means business the following letter will show:

Chattanooga, Tenn., June 26, 1897.—Hon. C. C. Shirley, Whitwell, Tenn.—Dear Sir:

There is a movement on foot in our town to open up a wagon road from Chattanooga to Whitwell by way of the Suck, out across the Mountain, so as to enter the Sequachee Valley near Ketner's Cove. We believe that if the proper steps are taken that such can be accomplished.

We believe that Hamilton County will immediately put her part of the road in first class condition. What we want is to get Marion County to do her part, and a road will be made across the Warden's Ridge, which would mean millions to the grand old Sequachee Valley as well as to Chattanooga.

I have been appointed by the South Chattanooga Business Men's League to investigate the matter and make my report by the 2nd Monday in July.

Yours truly,  
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We do not believe that the State of Tennessee has so degenerated that they are not capable of revising the Constitution. We believe they can and will.

As to the claim that the State is so large that it has to have so many courts and judges, North Carolina has 52,260 square miles in area and has only 17 judges, costing \$46,750 per annum. Georgia has 59,475 square miles and 26 judges, at a cost of \$55,000, while Tennessee with an area of 42,050 square miles requires 46 judges, at a cost of \$123,000 per annum. We want the Public School looked after so that instead of 92 days a year we may have twice that amount.

We want the State officers all elected by the people and not put the State to the expense of auditing their accounts, and find, as they have done for many years, that incapable men have drawn salaries from the State, and hold then strictly responsible. The reports of investigating committees of past legislatures show that the State's business has been poorly done, and let us have one Governor, not three or four.

There is no politics in what we desire, but good progress for the State, and make the laws so clear that any man appointed or elected shall earn his salary.

We favor a revision of the constitution.

When you read this issue, please think a moment, is my subscription to this paper paid, and if not why not? We know money is scarce and we are not disposed to force our paper on you. If you cannot afford less than a cent a week kindly let us know.

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